

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

"WHEN THEY SAW THE STAR THEY REJOICED WITH EXCEEDING GREAT JOY"

"And When They Had Opened Their Treasures They Presented Unto Him Gifts"

### Honor the Lord-- Let Him be First

**He Will Pour Out A  
Blessing Upon You  
That You Will Not Be  
Able To Receive.**

Mrs. Della Asher  
If you will honor God first, He will pour out a blessing upon you that you will not be able to receive.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Prov. 3:9-10.

I just wonder if we are all honoring the Lord first or are we trying to get all we want before we pay the Lord. If you are in a destitute condition this probably is the trouble, because you have kept the first fruit. You say when I get all, and am paid and then if I have some left, I will give it to the Lord, but I want to tell you, we owe God first.

You know, if the widow woman had refused Elijah when he asked for a cake, but had gone ahead and eaten first, she would have died. She told him, "As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Oh, so many are eating and dying. It is generally said this way though now, me and my wife, my son, John and his wife, us four and no more. But listen to Elijah, what he had to say about it. "Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and thy son." Remember the word said, that we come after but some will say, "I just haven't enough to spare, my family needs it, and I can't pay my debts."

Yes, if you think that you need it you will eat it and soon die. If you would honor the Lord first, listen what would happen, "for thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth."

"And prove me now here-with, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." All we have to do is to prove God, honor him first if we have little or much. Can we expect God to fill our barns and rebuke the devourer that he will not destroy the fruit of our ground?

Should we wonder that we are having such hard times and are being oppressed and probably losing a member of our family? Lose your cattle, your crops won't yield her fruits. "Now therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little: ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but

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### Burdened For The Orphans

IRONTON, Ohio.—"Go, and do thou likewise." Luke 10:37. Since praying and waiting on the Lord my heart is burdened for the orphans in our land today. Since studying of the many orphanages of different institutions with their great work in caring for the fatherless and motherless, yet there is room. Yes, there comes the bawling cry from almost every part of the land, "can you help the orphan children?" We strive in vain to lend a hand to all, but for a long time we have kept from one to three homeless children in our home. We feed and clothe them as we do our own.

But with all this we are not getting anywhere to solve this great problem. It takes a heart-to-heart organized effort. I have done my best.

I talked to the church here at Ironton but no one seemed ready at present to accept my proposition of sending enough money to give the orphans a Thanksgiving dinner. So I just decided I would send the tenth of my commission the coming week to them any way, which was \$5.50. Now when I eat my Thanksgiving dinner I can thank the Lord that I helped to pay for, not only my children's Thanksgiving dinner but the fatherless and motherless of many children. May the blessings of our God rest mightily upon the Church of God that even the devil will be made to look on and tremble. To our God be all the glory.—J. B. Simmons.

### GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF HIS OWN

HARLAN, Ky.—Dear ones I want to thank and praise God for what He is to me. I am thanking God for saving, sanctifying and adding me to the dear old Church of God. Dear friends, we cannot be thankful enough to God for what He has done for us. Bless His precious name! The devil is working with all his might to destroy God's people, but if we will just be obedient, God will take care of His own. I feel weak at times, but I know that God is able to make us strong if we will only trust Him. I want all who read this to earnestly pray for me that I may receive the blessed Holy Ghost.—Herman Adkins.

### PREPARING TO BE A MISSIONARY

SILOAM, N. C.—We have had a wonderful meeting here recently, 15 were saved and 5 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

I am certainly glad that I ever heard of holiness, I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and hope to be able to join the Church of God some day. There is no Church of God at this place but we have had holiness preached here just the same. I am preparing to be a missionary, I feel that I should go, so I am studying hard and asking God to give me wisdom and knowledge. I truly hope this will be one of the most successful years the Church has known.—John E. Byrd.

A  
Merry  
Christmas!  
O'er the hills  
of old Judea,  
that star which  
signifies that  
peace has come to  
the earth and good  
will toward man  
has been pronounced.  
Every heart  
lifts up their voices  
this glad day with  
reverence to the birth  
of Christ, the Saviour  
of the world. Wise men  
from the east came, saying,  
"where is He that is born,  
king of the Jews?" for we have  
seen His star and are come to wor-  
ship Him, and they were demanded  
of king Herod to search diligently  
and when found to inform him that He  
might know where the child was. When  
they had found Him they rejoiced with exceed-  
ing great joy and opened their treasures and  
presented unto Him, gifts, gold, frankincense and  
myrrh. "Fear not! for I bring you good tidings of  
great joy." On this day, we hear the Christmas bells  
with melody so sweet and clear ringing o'er hill and plain,  
of which every nation and most every tongue shall join.  
Both old and young look forward to this time with gladness.  
We all admit that Easter should be celebrated as the resurrection  
of the Lord, but it is a very simple fact that He could not  
have died and risen had He not first been born. Though born  
in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes; He now sits as  
King and ruler of the entire universe, and no doubt smiles at  
our every glad act of celebration and reverence to His  
birthday. Sure, no birth could have been as essential  
as His, since He has proven to be the Saviour of  
the world, for which we herald this glad  
day and laud His name to  
the four corners of  
the earth "Unto  
us a Son  
given,"  
not mere-  
ly lent;  
for once  
sent He  
shall not  
be with-  
drawn.  
This infant of man-  
kind is still the same wel-  
come Son. This Christmas day  
comes once a year, but is ever new.  
—VIANNA FREE.

### Fire in My Bones to Make the Church of God Go

**Physically Wrecked, Sickness In Family and  
Death Threatening—God Healed.**

J. B. Ellis

LOCKNEY, Texas.—I left date to hold them a meeting. Last Friday I went to Lubbock church, here I found a bunch of saints on fire for God. I preached Saturday and Sunday nights and had a great time. The altar service lasted until nearly midnight, and two ladies were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Those who are following Tomlinson were all out but took no part except to listen. They seemed sad, I did my best to make them feel good. They have been taught that we are all a bunch of liars and that Tomlinson is innocent and is God's anointed leader of the Church of God in the whole earth and he that fails to recognize him as such will be visited with disease, plagues and all kinds of disaster. It made me sorry for them, I tried to help some of them in private conversation but to no avail. My sympathy for them kept me from mentioning the matter in public. And then our people are established anyway. Oh, I did enjoy those meetings so well. I have had some good times with other people but nothing takes the place of the Church of God.

I have received many letters from loved ones in the church informing me of the rumors going that I was done with the children thus promising another

### Praise God For The EVANGEL

PICKWICK, Miss.—I want to testify through the Evangel, as it has been two months since I have been in service or had an opportunity to testify for my blessed Saviour. I have had the Holy Ghost for five years. I am more determined to live for Jesus than ever before. I praise God for the Evangel. When I read the encouraging testimonies and of the good revivals it makes me feel like traveling on to that beautiful home where I can meet Jesus and my darling baby that left me March 10. Oh, how I look for the time when we will be united in that home where there will be no more parting, no more sorrow and tears, where we will never have to say good-bye to our loved ones. I am a member of the Church of God at Pickwick, Miss. P. F. Fritz is our pastor. I want every saint that knows the worth of prayer to pray a special prayer for my husband and myself that we may live close to the Lord.—Emma Merritt.

### A VISION AT THE ASSEMBLY

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—I want to praise the Lord for His goodness to me. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

I want to tell of a vision that I saw during the past Assembly. As all stood for a few minutes in silent prayer, there was a man appeared before me, who looked like Bro. Lee; then there came another that was dressed in a white robe, (which appeared to be Jesus) Bro. Lee and others of the brethren were lifting Him up. It seems that the Lord wanted to show us that these men are lifting up Jesus. The Word says, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Any one desiring an evangelist, write me.—Frank Swaggerty, 1616 Dorris St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Church of God and had joined the Methodist, Nazarene, and the Assembly of God. Allow me to say here there is not a word of truth in it. I was broken down in my nervous system and had to get away from the strain that was killing me and get out at manual labor and try to build myself up again. For the first month or so, sickness was in my family, and death was threatening. I lost 30 pounds in weight and spent all I had but thank the Lord, God came to our rescue and healed, bless His name. I have gained my strength and hard labor clothed me with strong muscles. My nerves are normal and the fire is in my bones to enter the field and make the Church of God go.

I rejoice to know that we have Brother Johnson of Florida, as our overseer. I am anxious to see him and get lined up, I would be glad to see him roll up here in his car some day. I am now ready to do something, but want to work under the direction of the overseer. I must locate somewhere where my family can go to a Church of God Sunday school. I can either pastor or evangelize but prefer the latter.

### Escaping Hell-- Gaining Heaven

**For by Grace Are Ye  
Saved Through Faith  
And That Not of  
Yourselves.**

C. A. Weichman  
Almost everybody will admit that there is a heaven and a hell; that we will either be in heaven or hell for all eternity. This I'm sure will be admitted by all, (except infidels), however, I am not much concerned with infidels. What is upon my mind is to say to those who are honestly asking, "How may I get to heaven and have the assurance that I will escape hell?" Truly it is important that we make no mistake in our eternal destiny. If we make a mistake as to God's plan of saving sinners, I'm sure the consequences will be dreadful, therefore let us inquire what is God's plan of salvation?

The answer to this question can only be found in the Bible. Men may raise their voices and tell us what they think and give us their opinion but we are not to listen to men. Now, what is the way to heaven? Many will say, "do the best you can, quit your meanness, turn over a new leaf, join a church, pay your debts and you will stand a good chance of getting to heaven when you die." We as children of God have a different understanding of God's Word, yet in the above answer it is presumed that the sinner must do something for salvation. People are teaching that, to make a start; to lead a Christian life is all that is necessary. I will ask this question, "does God tell the sinner to work for salvation?" In answer let us quote some verses from the Bible. "For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." Rom. 4:3-5.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5.

According to the Scripture given above it is impossible for the sinner to be saved by works. The Bible states that Jesus Christ died on the cross of Calvary 1900 years ago; now God does not do things in a foolish way, He has a reason for everything. Let us now find out why Christ died for us. Did He die because of His own sins? There was no guile found in His mouth. When He was reviled, reviled not again, when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed to Him that judgeth righteously.

In this Scripture we notice (Continued on Page 3)

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

Help to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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If you want to be happy, try to make others happy.

Happiness is a by-product of unselfish service.

If you are in need of special blessings of the Lord make special prayer for as many as you can think of that may be in need of prayer.

Miss Vivian Haworth has accepted a position with the Cleveland Herald as operator of their new model 14 Linotype, recently installed.

While you are thinking and planning to make your special friends and loved ones happy for Christmas will you kindly remember the needs of the orphan left alone.

We are advised that a number of our overseers are very active, traveling over their state inspecting the work, regulating the affairs of the church and planning for an aggressive campaign for the coming year.

There will be no Evangel sent out Christmas week. As the usual custom of weekly papers is fifty issues per year. Our readers will remember that one is missed Assembly week and the other Christmas week. In this issue we extend to all of our readers the usual Holiday greetings.

E. L. Simmons, overseer of Tennessee, returned Monday from an extended trip over the state, and expects to visit his parents, relatives and friends in Florida this week. It has been over two years since he visited his native state, having served as pastor and overseer in other states for some years.

We hope that our Sunday school secretaries will not delay their orders for Sunday school supplies until they will arrive too late for distribution the last Sunday in this month. It will be well for them to take in consideration the congestion in the mail on account of the Holidays and other unavoidable hindrances.

The church services in the Auditorium in this city continue to increase in interest. The Sunday school is progressing very satisfactorily and looking forward to the special occasion planned for them for Christmas eve. The preaching services are very edifying. The church is delighted with their new pastor, S. W. Latimer, and are looking forward to a good and successful year.

If all of our churches, members and friends would put forth a special effort on Sunday before Christmas and including the Sunday following Christmas to raise a special offering for the payment and maintenance of the Church of God Orphanage and Children's Home, the management would better be able to plan for the coming year and know how many they would be able to admit in the institution that are earnestly pleading for a home where they may have food and clothing and be sheltered from the cold.

# While You are Planning to Make Your Own Loved Ones Happy Kindly Remember the Needs of the Orphans

## BIBLE Training School

T. S. PAYNE, Superintendent

I am real glad to tell you what a good time we are having at school.

When we enter the schoolroom there's a calm, sweet stillness all about us, as the presence of the Lord seems very near. We really do have a good time here in school and it is because the Holy Ghost is leading.

Bro. Payne is our instructor but we all wait on God to lead and direct.

We all study together, searching out the deep and hidden mysteries that this sacred book contains. Bro. Payne is just one of us, and is so kind and patient with our numerous questions.

We have prayer and the Lord blesses us. I feel very much encouraged to finish the school and beg that you join us next year. I will tell you why I came here, this wonderful blessing makes me want to tell someone else about it, and I wanted to come to school and learn that I might be able to give them Bible instructions as to its reality. Begin now to save, and prepare to attend the next term.

### CAMP MEETING AND MISSION WORK

LINDALE, Ga.—Those present at the last Assembly will remember that it was recommended and passed unanimously, that a man be appointed to organize and establish permanent camp grounds in the various states, where annual camp-meetings and conventions may be held. It has also been decided by the executive council in whose hands this matter was left to work out and make the appointment, that He go into new territory and open up new work by holding revivals, and setting new churches in order where practicable. He is to represent the missionary work, orphanage, Bible Training school, Evangel and Publishing House. The Council has seen fit to place this responsible position upon me, while I shrink from the undertaking, and feel that it is almost too great for me, yet by the help of the good Lord and the co-operation of the state overseers and others in whose states we may be called, I know great things can and will be accomplished. We have had five years experience with the camp-meeting work in Georgia on a small scale and there alone we have seen great and lasting results. My wife will be associated with me in this work, and we expect to put our whole heart in it. It is going to take some time for correspondence and arranging to make this a success. We will not probably start an active campaign until spring, but we want to begin as early as possible to get in touch with those in new fields desiring meetings and help along this line. State overseers desiring camp-meetings also write us, so we can begin to arrange dates. Our permanent address is Lindale, Ga.—S. J. Heath.

### NOTICES

A Christmas meeting will begin at the tabernacle near Cleveland, Miss., on Saturday night before the third Sunday and will continue as long as the Lord leads.—P. F. Fritz.

I would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following persons: E. S. Akins, Mabel Austin, Eva Cribbs, Clara Ogle, Laura Pixton, Mary Parrish, Edith Thompson, Leola Tucker, Ivy Tucker, Neola Tucker.—Mrs. S. T. Wadsworth, Wimauma, Fla.

To the Churches of God in Indiana:

As I have been appointed as overseer of Indiana, I am very anxious to hear from each minister in the state. We want to do our best for God and His church this year. I desire the hearty co-operation of each minister and member in the state, as I am in this work with my whole heart and want to see Indiana come to the front. I will reach you just as soon as I can.—J. C. Coats, Desloges, Mo.

I wish to notify all the churches in the eastern district of Missouri that the district convention will convene at Cantwell church, Desloges, Mo., beginning Dec. 23, 1924. D. V. We wish to invite every minister, deacon and clerk to be sure and be there if possible and every member that possibly can come, should be present as we are expecting a wonderful time in the Lord. Those who read this are invited to attend this convention, if you do come I am sure the Lord will bless you. We want to get settled down to business in Missouri for another year. "Come on boys," as we want this to be the best year for the Church of God in Missouri. May God's blessing rest and abide with one and all.—J. C. Coats, overseer of Kansas, Indiana and Missouri, Desloges, Mo.

EUPORA, Miss.—I belong to the Methodist church, but am trying, in my weak way to live for God. I am the only one in my home that believes in holiness so I have a hard time. My husband was once a believer, but is not any more, also two of my daughters stood with me for a long time but now they have gone back on the Lord and His church. I am often persecuted in my home. I have never received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and ask an interest in your prayers that I may live nearer to Him and do His will at all times, and especially do I ask that you pray for my family. Pray earnestly that I may have more faith for healing of my body, am not able to walk any distance.—A mother.

### Only One In Home Believing In Holiness

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### IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

#### TIGER.

Peter N. Tiger, departed this life to be with Jesus on Saturday, November 16, 1924, age 79 years and 8 months. The end of his life came very suddenly while sitting in his chair by the fire.

His mind had been frail for some time, yet he possessed considerably bodily strength, hence his death came as a shock and surprise to the members of his family and friends.

Bro. Tiger professed a faith in the Lord about 1879, united with the Methodist Episcopal church and lived a consistent member thereof until about 11 years ago when he united with the Church of God at Tusquitee, N. C., sought and received the blessing of sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost and remained a loyal and faithful member until death.

He was a well known business man and one of Clay county's best citizens, having done extensive saw-milling and a general mercantile business throughout the county.

Truly it could be said of him, that he was not slothful in business but fervent in Spirit serving the Lord.

Brother Tiger was a Union soldier during the Civil War, and also spent a good portion of his early life in the states of Colorado and Wyoming, was driving the first train of lumber wagons and unloaded the first building material where the state capitol, Cheyenne, Wyo., now stands.

Even in his old days, his energy and determination would not allow bad weather and road conditions to keep him from regularly attending services at the Church of God, a distance of 8 miles from his home. His presence, praises, testimonies and rejoicings are already missed by members of his local church. It can further be said of him "he ruled well his own house, having his children under subjection with all gravity," evidenced by a good manifestation of the last respects paid by his children.

He leaves to mourn his loss a companion and nine living children who have our deep and sincere sympathy.

His funeral was conducted by G. H. Haigler, and the writer. His body was laid to rest in a beautiful white casket, typical of his life, in the Fairview cemetery, and we are sure that he will come forth at the resurrection.

—Glover P. Ledford.

#### SULLIVAN

Cecil Ray Sullivan, of Lindsey, Fla., born March 11, 1924, died November 24, 1924.

Just two days later Willie Mae Sullivan, born November 28, 1918, died Nov. 26, 1924. The saints were called and prayer was offered many times but God in His wisdom called them home, since then Bro. and Sister Sullivan have devoted their time and talent to the ministry and are faithful in the work for the great Church of God.

I was standing in a beautiful mountain road, looking down in the valley where the sun was shining from the top of the mountain, while looking at this my attention was drawn from the valley to the top of some beautiful trees which was near the top of the mountain.

I saw a white goat grazing alone, to the left, then I saw to the right, in the top of those trees, the most beautiful, fair woman I had ever seen. She was dressed in white linen with a beautiful hat and veil on which hung low. She was in the air, prepared as a bride adorned for the groom. She was so fair and shone so bright that I could hardly look at her so I looked down the road and it was very rough, I considered the rough way of which I had come, and looked up the road and saw a number of white sheep marching and keeping step all in the same motion going toward the beautiful woman. Praise God, I was on my way up to the woman (the church) when I awoke. So I began wondering if these people who had the Holy Ghost had a church. I got my Bible and happened to turn to Micah 4:1, also Isa. 2:23, where it said, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the tops of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Again in Rev. 19:7-8, we read where He says, "Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready, And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Truly the Church of God is the bride of Christ according to His Word. I feel that Jesus is coming soon to catch His bride away. I would like for Bro. D. R. Moreland to come

Bro. C. F. Hollandsworth, Pelahatchie, Miss., requests prayer that he may be healed of appendicitis.

#### THANKFUL FOR THE WAY OF HOLINESS

RUSSELLVILLE, Ala.—I am praising God for His many blessings until this present time. I am so thankful for this good way of holiness, which brings so much joy, peace and happiness to my soul.

I want to fight this battle through and go home with Jesus. We live at a place where there are no Church of God people, mother and I are the only ones that have the Holy Ghost.

I had just sent a letter for you to pray that I would receive the Holy Ghost, but you can pray now that I may stand true. Pray that mother and I will stand true to the end and will be successful in getting a work started here.—Lucille Gibson.

and help us at this place, there are only two members here but many are interested and looking this way.—W. L. Sputters.

### ATTENDS SERVICES TWICE EACH YEAR

LITHIA, Fla.—I praise the Lord this morning that I am saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and am still a member of the dear old Church of God. I was meditating upon the Lord this morning and began to study of how good and merciful the Lord has been to me, it makes me want to do more for Him the coming year than the past.

O, such a wonderful Saviour is He. I am deprived of the privilege of attending services but about twice a year but I know God's grace is sufficient to keep us, so pray for me that I may stay humble and ever ready to do the will of the Lord.

—Mrs. Julia M. Jones.

### The Church Has Been Much Strengthened

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—I want to praise God for victory over sin and the devil. Hallelujah! I am thankful for our pastor for this year. He sure has preached the full gospel to our people here at Sale Creek. We hated to tell him goodbye. I feel that the church has been very much strengthened by his service. A brother, Logan Alexander.

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Oklahoma—A. L. Jenkins.

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## A Christmas Sermon

**There Is Born Unto You This Day In the City of David a Saviour Who Is Christ the Lord.**

C. L. Arrington

Christmas. This is probably a Catholic word that means Christ's mass.

On this day the Roman Catholics have three mass, one at midnight, one at dawn and another sometime during the day. These three mass are supposed to represent, what they call the three births of Christ. Therefore they are called Christmas.

I don't know why the protestants still call it Christ-mass when they have no mass.

There are other words that would be more appropriate such as Christ's birth or the Lord's birthday.

But regardless of what we call it, it is an annual festival held by the Christian church in memory of the birth of Christ. The whole of it includes two weeks, from the 25th day of December to the 6th of January, but Christmas proper is the 25th of December, which is supposed to be the day that Christ was born, but it is not certain that He was born on this day.

Some say that He was born on the 20th of April, others say the 20th of May is His birthday, while others say that He was born on the 6th day of January, which we call old Christmas. The Eastern church used to celebrate this as the birthday of Christ; but now practically all Christians celebrate the 25th day of December as the birthday of the Lord.

The American people are great to celebrate days, during the year.

We first celebrate New Year's day, which is the first day of January, then we celebrate Geo. Washington's birthday, which comes on the 22d of February. We celebrate Easter in honor of the resurrection of Christ; then we celebrate the 4th of July because on that day congress signed the declaration of Independence; we celebrate the 4th Thursday in November in giving thanks to God for the temporal blessings, that He has given us during the year, and last but not least, we celebrate the 25th of December as being the day on which Christ was born.

Of all the days we celebrate and hold sacred, none should be more sacred than this, for this is among the most (if not the most) important event that ever happened in all the world. On this day we should all fall on our faces before God and thank Him for this unspeakable gift, if one day should be kept more holy than another, surely it is this one; but alas this is not the case, I suppose there is more sin committed on this day than any other day in the year. Thousands of people take it as an occasion to gratify the lust of the flesh. Shame be upon them.

On this day people generally give gifts to one another as a token of their appreciation of the first and greatest Christmas gift that was ever given. God's only Son was given to this world as the first and greatest on this day, nineteen hundred years ago.

"God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

As this is His birthday I think it would be appropriate to say something about His birth. His birth was different from that of any other person ever born into this world. He was born of a virgin. That is a woman that had never known a man, in this sense His birth is unique. He had no human being for His father, God was His father and He was God's son.

Not in the sense that we are the sons of God for He is the only begotten of the Father. I was begotten of my father and you

were begotten of your father, which were both men.

But Jesus was begotten of His Father which is God.

Jesus once asked His disciples, "whom say ye that I, the Son of man am?" Peter answered this question, by saying, "thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." Jesus approved of this as being the truth and pronounced a blessing upon Peter for it. He said it was from God and not man. Let me ask you a question similar to what Jesus asked His disciples, "whom say ye that He is? Is He the Son of God born of the virgin Mary? or is He a mere man born into the world with father and mother as we were. The salvation of your soul rests on the right answer to this question. The real Christian does and always has answered the first one in the affirmative while they have always sternly denied the latter, but there is and always has been some that reversed it, but none of the latter class can be rightly called Christians; while many have professed to be. Any system of doctrine or theology that denies the virgin birth, is not Christian but anti-Christian, even if it is vouchsafed for by such eminent men as Dr. Fosdick, of New York, or Bishop Brown, of Cleveland. It's strange that anyone should deny the virgin birth and then call themselves Christian ministers, when this is the very foundation of the Christian religion.

Those that deny the virgin birth will admit that He was a great man and a good teacher, but I want to say right here that if Jesus Christ was not the Son of God as He said He was, he was not at all great nor was He good, but on the other hand he was an egotistical impostor a false teacher and a deceiver. If I should claim preexistence with God and say that He and I were one and that I was the only begotten of the Father, and that I came down from heaven and that I was in the bosom of the Father, and claim that I had power to redeem the world, would people say that I was a good teacher and a great man? I answer very emphatically NO, they would say that I was a religious fanatic, and so I would be. Jesus claimed all of this and more, then if he was a mere man, I say he was a religious fanatic. This is the only logical conclusion of the argument. Shame on anyone that claims to be a follower of Christ and yet say that He was not what He claimed to be.

Such infidels have tried to make us believe that the early fathers did not believe in the virgin birth, but this is not the case, anyone knows who have read their works.

Bob Ingersoll, with all his antipathy to the Christian religion would have blushed to make some of the statements made by some of these infidels, that call themselves Christian ministers. They claim that the virgin birth is unimportant; but I want to say that it is the most important question that can be asked concerning Christ. If we deny the virgin birth we virtually deny the deity of Christ, and this is to deny the efficiency of the atonement, and consequently we are still in our sins, without God and without hope in this world or the world to come.

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F. J. LEE

RICHEY, Miss.—I have been a miserable backslidder, but am now enjoying the blessings of the Lord again. I want to say it is a miserable life to live in a backslidder state, and I'm glad that He is willing to bring us back into the fold. I am now a member of the Church of God and intend to remain and ever be true hereafter.—T. W. Tatton.

## STORY OF THE NATIVITY

Caesar Augustus was sitting on the throne of the Roman empire. He was proud of his power and wealth. He issued an edict "that all the world should be taxed"; that a census should be taken of all his subjects.

This event set the whole land in motion: for, in accordance with Jewish customs, the census was taken, not at the places where the inhabitants were at the time residing, but at the place to which they belonged as members of the original twelve tribes.

So Joseph and Mary, an humble pair in the Galilean village of Nazareth go forth on their journey, though peasants, they had the blood of kings in their veins, and belonged to the ancient and royal town of Bethlehem, in the far south of the country. They had to go a journey of nearly a hundred miles in order to reach their destination; they traveled southward along the weary road, till at last they climbed the rocky ascent that led to the gate of the town—tired and worn. They reached the inn, but found it crowded with strangers, who, bent on the same errand as themselves had arrived before them.

No friendly home opened its doors to receive them, "no room in the inn."

That eventful night, she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling-clothes and laid Him in a manger. The greatest event in the history of the world had taken place.

Now there were shepherds in the same part of the country, keeping watch over their sheep by night in the open fields, when suddenly, an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round them; and they were filled with terror, but the angel said to them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you, is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour." This sign shall be unto you: You will find the Babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes, lying in a manger. And immediately there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

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## TO BE TRUE TO THE END

CRESENT, Okla.—As I sit here reading the blessed story of Jesus and His mighty works, it makes me rejoice, although it is a dark, cloudy evening, yet there is a light springing up within my soul, which helps me to overcome the dark days. This is one more Sabbath day almost gone. I wonder how much has been done for Jesus. If Jesus was to happen to come this evening I wonder if every one could hear these blessed words, "well done thou good and faithful servant."

As I sit here this afternoon most everyone else asleep, it takes me back to the garden when Jesus was praying in such agony when it seemed as if every one even His Father had forsaken Him. His disciples even went to sleep and could not watch one hour. If people would only wake up to the fact that they have a soul to be saved or one to be lost, and realize they are sleeping their soul away into eternal punishment. Oh, God have mercy is my prayer. If every one would work in unity the Church of God would rise and shine. I love the Church of God and I mean to stand true to the end. We have a good pastor and we all love him and his family. I ask the prayers of all the saints that the Lord will give them grace to stand true and win souls for Jesus.—Miss Inez Adams.

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back into the fold. I am now a member of the Church of God and intend to remain and ever be true hereafter.—T. W. Tatton.

## A New Field In Texas

ABILENE, Tex.—I want to praise the Lord for the way He is blessing us here at Abilene. We came here in June and started a fight against sin. The meeting was conducted by Brother M. E. Drake, of Ranger, Tex., assisted by Brother Cal Atkins and wife and Sister Pernie Bradley.

The meeting was carried on for six weeks, is a new field and some real good people here, that I believe will some day be standing four-square for the Church of God. A short time past there was an old lady came to the altar, she was 84 years old and the Lord baptized her with the Holy Ghost. This blessing is good for the old and for the young, sometimes makes us speak in the unknown tongue.

A few nights ago, I was awakened by our little boy, age 10 years, who began to cry aloud, I thought he must be dreaming, but on reaching him I found that the Lord was dealing with him, he said, "Papa, I want you all to pray for me. I have told you some stories and said some things that I ought not to have said today." We prayed with him until he got victory over it then I suppose the neighbors thought a midnight revival had broken out. I feel like traveling on, for I am persuaded that the trials of this life will be nothing to compare with the glory we shall receive in the world to come.—J. T. Campbell.

## Praising God for Salvation

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—I am praising God today for salvation and for the love of God that He has placed within my heart. I'm so glad that He has opened unto us the gates of salvation, giving us the same mind, and making us one in Christ, for this cause we have access with one spirit, in love and unity we are bound together by one spirit.—Scotland Eckles.

## REPORT

CHESTER, Pa.—The dear Lord is still blessing the people at Chester. Just closed a week's revival and glad to report victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. We had with us, Evangelist Arthur Ruark, from Fruitland, Md., and our pastor, Clara Mullikin. We had a wonderful time in the Lord, having had four souls saved and two sanctified.—Church of God, at Chester, Pa.

## Loves the Church of God and Her Teachings.

HERRIN, Ill.—I am praising God for what He is to me. Truly He is more than all the world to me since He thought so much of my soul as to save, sanctify and fill me with the blessed Holy Ghost.

I am a member of the Church of God and love her teachings. The Lord is still blessing us here, and pouring His Spirit out upon souls in a wonderful way. Pray for me.—Mae Woosley.

## In the Mountains of Kentucky.

WATER GAP, Ky.—I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Redeemer for the way He has been blessing me in the past. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, praise the Lord. I live a way up here in the mountains of Kentucky in a little mining camp of three hundred and fifty people. We don't have any Church of God here, I am the only one here who claims the blessing of the Holy Ghost.

I am so glad that God in His great mercy found a way in my heart, where I was once blind I now see. I am so anxious for some Church of God preacher to come here and preach the true Word of God. After I have read my paper I send it to some one else to read each week. I ask that you pray for Mrs. Alice Young. She is in very poor health. I pray God that the seed you are sowing may bring forth a hundredfold. — Mrs. Rhoda Sloan.

## Many Searching The Bible

FOX, Va.—I praise God for a salvation that gives joy and peace down in my heart each day and for giving me grace to resist the devil. My desire is to live for Jesus and be ready when He comes or calls. I am still hungry for more of God's love and power. I ask your prayers that I may do the Lord's will and receive the Holy Ghost. I want to be an instrument in His hands.

Our state evangelist, J. J. York with Bro. and Sister Conrad Newton have just closed a two weeks' meeting at this place with great victory, five were saved, seven sanctified, seven were filled with the Holy Ghost and five were added to the church. I feel that much good will be accomplished by the seed that were sown in this meeting for many have gone to reading and searching the Bible for the great truths.

Bro. Fields Hash, of this place has been recently licensed to preach. — Willie J. Goss,

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that He who hung on Calvary's cross, was sinless, spotless, the Holy Son of God. It was not for His own sins that He suffered, why then did He die on the cross? Notice, "Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. 5:6. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

We see that the question of sin was fully dealt with on the cross by the Father and His Son. In Isaiah we find where it says, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." We have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Isa. 53:5-6.

Truly it is just and proper that the guilty should suffer the punishment due him. God is a great God, therefore He must and will punish sin.

God, according to His Word has proved that all mankind is guilty before Him; now what must be done? Sin must be dealt with by God, again we will ask where was sin dealt with and how? Listen, God dealt with sin on the cross, by laying the sin of the world on His Son. Just before Christ yielded up His Spirit, He cried, "it is finished." Jno. 19:30.

Now the WORK that saves the soul was then finished, so why should anyone say, "I must do the best I can to obtain my salvation." If the sinners have to work for their salvation why did Jesus die on the cross?

Surely, if we can get salvation by working it out, it was not necessary for Christ to die. You may say, it is true that Christ died for sinners and yet it remains for us to do our part," to this I will say, if we have to trust in our works to help us get salvation, then is the work of Christ on the cross imperfect, unfinished work and that we need our good works to complete it. Such an idea is absolutely wrong, but yet many indulge in the unscriptural idea that the death of Christ plus their works will save them. Here are a few scriptural views. (1) All mankind are guilty before God and man is unable to save himself.

(2) God in His love sends His Son, who went to the cross, and there God laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

(3) The holy Son of God died and made complete satisfaction to the Father, salvation is now offered to all.

I will now speak of good works and faith. Some may ask, "do you believe in good works since you say good works cannot save. Surely we do, but the Bible certainly does not speak of good works procuring our salvation. Salvation is procured through the cross and not through our works. Surely you can plainly see by the Scripture quoted at the beginning that good works have no place in our salvation.

Salvation comes through faith in Christ, works included; but after we are saved, we must have good works. The order is not good works for salvation but good works after salvation for an evidence that we are saved. Yet, some will fall back to James 2:16-26, here we see that man is justified by works and not by faith. Some people say the 2d chapter of James seems to contradict the 4th chapter of Romans where it is stated that old Abraham was justified by faith without works and in James 2, it is also stated that he was justified by works. I boldly say, there is no contradiction. James 2:21 gives the key note to it all. Abraham was justified when he offered his own son Isaac on the altar. The chronological table of my Bible states that Isaac was offered on the altar B. C. 1892, this is explained in Gen. 22. When was Abraham justified apart from works? See Gen. 15:6, where justification of Abraham by faith is recorded.

Notice, Abraham was justified before God as a sinner by believing God.

It was just by believing God, works not included, though

FIRE WAS HANDLED HONOR THE LORD—  
LET HIM BE FIRST

CLAY CITY, Ky.—We are still praising the Lord at Clay City, and are thankful for every Church of God all over the world.

I'm so thankful for the true light that is now shining and for His blessings unto us from day to day. There is only a small band of us here but if God be for us who can be against us? Fire was handled by Bro. Bagley. We are mighty well pleased with our new pastor, Bro. Louis Larson, many souls have prayed through to God since he has been here. I am a little girl 13 years of age, am very young in the way but am expecting to go on with Jesus. Pray for my father that he may be healed.—Girtie Larson.

## The Evangel Like Hearing A Good Sermon.

LESTER, N. C.—I have thought for sometime, that I should write to your paper, but fearing I might take up space that could be better filled, would not. I am a subscriber for the Evangel and do love to read it. It is just like hearing a good sermon.

I always read every word of my Evangel each week. I am not a member of the Church of God but I like most all of its teaching. There is no Church of God people here at this place, but I hope and trust that the Lord will send a preacher here in the near future. Will ask that all the saints please pray that my husband and three sons may be saved.—Mrs. Rilla Wyatt.

## The Harvest Is Great, Laborers Few.

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla.—I want to praise the Lord this afternoon for His great blessings unto me; for ever letting me see myself as He saw me. About three years ago He wonderfully saved, sanctified and filled we with the blessed Holy Ghost and ever since that time I have found Jesus so precious to me. He is always a friend to me, and I love to testify of His great love.

I have been deprived of attending services for about five months, as there is no church here except the colored people's church, but I still feel good in my soul and feel like going all the way, praise the Lord. He has taken the love of the world out of my heart, and gave me a desire to live holy and do something for Him who has done so much for me.

I would be glad if some good preacher would come to this place and hold a meeting; there are a few believers here but we have no place to worship. I see so many calls in the Evangel for help.

The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. I was the first one among my people to start in this way but they are most all with me now.

We find many unbelievers along the way, and sometimes it seems hard to overcome the temptations but we think of the Scripture where it reads like this, "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions."

I see the great need more and more of salvation as I go along, there's so much worldliness among the people it makes me want to draw nearer to Him. Surely Jesus will not tarry long and I want to have my lamps trimmed and burning when He calls me.—Mrs. S. R. Blanton.

sometime later after he was justified by faith he was justified by works.

His faith was made manifest by his works of obeying God, in putting his son on the altar, here the effect of faith can be seen; and these are good works. Good works follow as a proof of salvation.

Surely I have given enough Scripture that one may see that God's plan of salvation is within Christ. May the reader accept this great plan of salvation with Christ as his or her Saviour. "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

Then seek, by good works and a godly walk to prove the fact that you are saved.

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ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house."

God is blowing up on your substance; you are not honoring God first, you are trying to settle up with others before you settle up with God. If you would honor God first, your barns would be filled, your presses would burst out with new wine and your soul would run over once in a while for He said He would pour you out a blessing that you would not be able to receive.

Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good things from you." Jer. 5:25.

"My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction." Prov. 3:11.

"Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

Do we worship the creature more than we do the Creator? Do we pay man before we pay God? If we pay God first and keep His commandments, He will make it possible to pay our fellowman what we owe him.

Jesus should be first in everything, He was the first fruit of them that slept. May God help us to be honest and faithful with what God has trusted in our care. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

Now may God help us to honor God first and not put Him last, as if He was the least esteemed.

## The Devil Going About As a Roaring Lion.

WILCOX, W. Va.—I want to thank God this morning because He ever counted me worthy to save my soul. We realize the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, and it takes much prayer with watching to overcome.

I have not, as yet, received the Holy Ghost, but I want Him and believe with my whole heart that I shall receive, for we know it is His pleasure to give us blessings when we become worthy of them, and with the assurance that He has no respect of person I shall continue to seek Him. Pray for me.—A. L. Cox.

## Loves the Church.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky.—I am praising God this evening for salvation, I am glad I am serving a God that can keep us free from sin and too, am so glad I ever got acquainted with such a friend as Jesus. I am a member of the Church of God, have only been in the church about two years and want to say, it's all right. I love her better all the time.

I ask an interest in your prayers for my family, they are all in sin. Pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will.—Mrs. Anna Poole.

## Healed of Pellagra.

PITTSBURG, Ga.—Dear readers of the Evangel! I want to sound a note of glad tidings through your paper. I am a sinner but a true believer of the great Church of God. I am seeking to know more about it. I too, believe God can heal.

My son's baby has something like pellagra, and we called on Mrs. Ellen Crompton to pray for it and it is almost well. God is working since she came here. I want all to pray for me to get the Holy Ghost. I love the Church of God since she makes it so plain. Pray for me.—Mrs. Mary Baisett.

THE LORD BLESSING  
IN VIRGINIA

MARION, Va.—I am praising the Lord for the way He is blessing the people here at this place. We have just closed a meeting at Grayson, Va., where four were saved, four sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost, five added to the church and four baptized in water.

We have begun a meeting here in Lynchburg and the Lord is working. Pray for us.—J. J. York.

## On the Run for Glory

GREER, S. C.—I want to praise the Lord this morning through the Evangel that all may know that I am still saved and on my run for glory, bless His name. I am running this race with patience, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. I can truthfully say, I am standing on the solid rock Christ Jesus, and not on the sinking sand. Pray that I may be able to accomplish something in life for the Lord. —William L. Thompson.

## Healed Several Times

SPRING CREEK, La.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me this morning. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I want to say, I belong to the dear old Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth and have been healed several times by the mighty power of God. When I first got the blessing of the Holy Ghost, Bro. Capshaw prayed for me and I was healed but for the last year the enemy has afflicted my body again.

I know God is the same yesterday and today and forever, so I am still trusting Him as my physician. I feel that I am not obeying the Lord, so I ask your prayers that God may use me to His honor and glory. I want to be humble and submissive, ready to do anything He would have me do. I desire your prayers that I may be entirely healed. I know God is ready to heal when we prove to Him we will trust Him, not only can He heal our bodies but will heal our stock, too, if we believe. We are serving a wonderful God, are we not?—Mrs. Alice Varnado.

## Have the Blessing Now.

BLUE DIAMOND, Ky.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. I praise Him because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. I mean, "I have the blessing now."

Some people testify to what the Lord has done for them a long time ago, and don't seem to put enough stress on what He is doing for them right now. Pray for me.—Gifford E. Tippen.

## Expecting Great Victory Ahead

LYMAN, Miss.—I will let you know that I am still on victory side and holding on to the Lord. I have seen 45 saved, 35 sanctified, 30 baptized with the Holy Ghost and have visited 60 homes this year, I feel like I did my best but am expecting greater results the coming year than last. I ask an interest in your prayers that I may do the will of my Father.—Thomas E. Jamison.

## Once On Fire for God.

MCCRORY, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise and thanksgiving this morning to my blessed Redeemer for what He is to me. I'm glad that I can say He has saved me and set me on the king's highway of holiness, bless His name. This place was once on fire for God but there has been so much rotten doctrine preached here until it seems that they can't be revived any more. We had a two weeks' meeting but no interest was taken, although we had some fine preaching sent forth by the mighty power of God. I would like for some one who is able to come to such places and defeat the enemy to please come. Not all ministers know how to deal with this kind of people but God can work it out and give us victory in this church again. Pray for us.—Francis Key.

## COLT, Ark.—I am praising the blessed Saviour for this highway of holiness. I thank Him for His tender mercies and patience with His weak ones. I know the Lord can heal and I ask your prayers that I may be healed of indigestion and nervous spells. Pray for my family that they may be saved.—Mrs. Alva Laws.

## Had Trials and Tests

LINDEN, Fla.—I want to praise the Lord tonight for what He is to me right now. I certainly have gone through some tests since I received salvation. On Nov. 24, our little baby fell asleep in Jesus, and on the 27th day following our little girl five years of age was called too. It was hard to give them up but we realize that our loss is heaven's gain. We trusted the Lord all the way through, and feel more like trusting Him than ever before. My wife and four children were all taken sick the week following the Assembly, though wife and little girl are better now.

We thank the dear Lord for the way He has stood by us in all our troubles, for we felt His presence all the way through. Also we thank the people that have so nobly stood by us in our bereavement. May God bless everyone is my prayer. I ask that you pray for my wife and little girl to be healed and that we may get out in the service of the Lord again.—W. A. Sullivan.

## Church is Gaining Ground.

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